A Homegoing Celebration For Carolyn Elizabeth Rawls Hamp

Sunrise: April 3, 1941 **Sunset: June 12, 1998**

Service Held

Friday, June 19, 1998 - 10:30 A.M.

BEEBEE MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL

3900 Telegraph Avenue - Oakland, California

Reverend Charles H. Belcher, Pastor

Reverend Lawrence P. Lakey, Officiating

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies,
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

Carolyn Elizabeth Rawls Hamp

"Let The Work I've Done, Speak For Me."

Obituary

Carolyn Elizabeth Rawls was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on April 3, 1941 to Marco and Mary Louise (Donald) Rawls. In her early years, her family moved to Richmond, California where they immediately joined Davis Chapel C.M.E. Church in North Richmond. It was at Davis Chapel that she received the foundation of her Christian morals and values. She was a committed and faithful member that put her all into every project.

Her blossoming spirit developed at a young age. While in school she participated in many extra curricular activities throughout the Bay Area. A graduate of Richmond High School, she furthered her education at Contra Costa College and San Jose State University. Perhaps she is more remembered for her Miss Bronze title in 1961 and other beauty contests along with a brief modeling career which resulted in her appearance in Jet and other African American magazines. On January 2, 1966 she married her high school sweetheart, Herman Hamp. Born out of their love were two children who were the center of her world, Herlisa Jeannine and Timothy LaMont.

Carolyn's recreation career with the City of Richmond began in 1963 as a part-time Recreation Aide at Lincoln Elementary School in Richmond. Rising through the ranks, she worked in a variety of positions at many of the city's centers: the Youth Board Youth Center, Eastshore Community Center, Martin L. King Jr. Community Center, Parchester Community Center and the Richmond Annex Senior Center. Her enthusiasm and special love for teens, senior citizens and toddlers and the specialty programs that she worked and created for these age groups, made her a household word for these groups throughout the city. The Juneteenth Celebration, Snowball, the Martin Luther King Jr. Vigil and March, field trips to Disneyland and the snow country, summer programs and workshops, were among the many programs she was involved in at any given time. Affectionately known as Aunt "Kat", "Granny" and "Mama Hamp", Carolyn's passion was educating children and working to provide them with options and exposure. She earned the absolute respect of the children and youth she so willingly served. Their growth and development were her pride and joy.

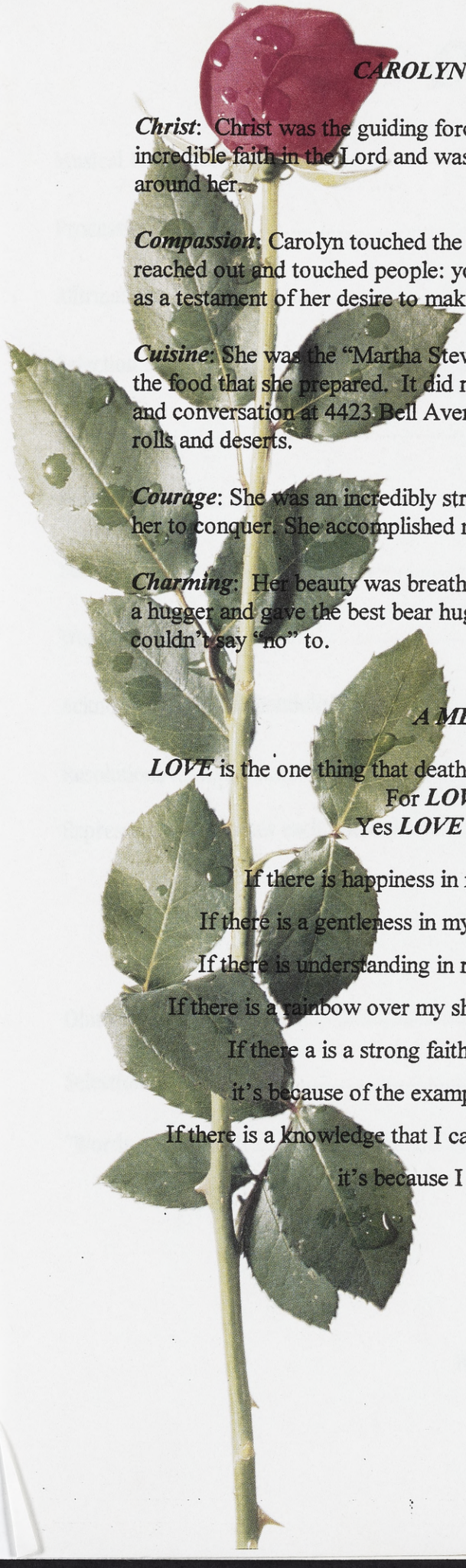
In addition to her employment related activities, she participated in numerous professional and social organizations where she often served as an officer and committee member. Among her favorites were Chi Kappa Rho, Young Moderns Civic and Social Club, Business and Professional Women - Ebone' Chapter, the California Parks and Recreation Society, the Ethnic Minority Association of the California, Black Women On Political Action, Richmond Steelers Booster Club, John F. Kennedy's PTSA, and the NAACP. Carolyn also served as a founding board member for the Townsend Reading Center, and the Girls Club of Richmond.

Loving God and her church, Davis Chapel, she participated in numerous activities including the Miriam Missionary Circle and was the current Director of the Christian Board of Education. She also held offices on the District Missionary Society level.

Carolyn Hamp was truly a phenomenal woman. She loved her community and touched the lives of everyone who she encountered. She was a caring, compassionate woman. She will be remembered as a woman who championed for enriching the lives of children, adults and seniors.

Carolyn retired from the City of Richmond in 1996 to spend time with her family and travel. Even to the end, she maintained her pride, concern for others and her whimsical sense of humor. On June 12, 1998 she was carried home on the wings of Angels.

Left to rejoice in her memory are her loving husband Herman; devoted daughter Herlisa, and beloved son, Timothy. Loyal God-given granddaughter Jamila, first cousins and adopted brothers Robert and Joseph Donald; a sister, Josephine Richardson, sister in-laws Annie Hamp, Charmaine and Yolanda Donald, a loving mother in-law, Willie Mae Hamp and father in-law, Harry Hamp; Godfather Wibert Elder, and Godbrother Jimmy Brown; God children: Robert Charles Graham, Jamelle Simon, Charice Duckworth,Conrad Roberts and Kevin Lyle; Uncle Samuel Rawls and wife Lucinda of Chicago, IL, aunts: Viola Woods and Arulla Rawls; favorite cousins, Eva Addison of Los Angeles, CA; Alma Jean Hilton of Hattiesburg, MS, Cleo Myles of Ogden, UT, John Myles of Memphis, TN, Kenneth Rawls of El Cerrito, CA, Robert Bryant, Sr. of Los Angeles, CA who preceded her in death by two days. Beloved nephews and nieces: Rommie, Tommie, Chester, Antwana, Arthur, Shawn, Inez, Mia, Lawrence, Alex and Dominique. A host of great nieces and nephews. Lifetime friend, Tina Hart and god mothers of her children, Janice (Hornbeak) Lyle and Carolyn (Couser) Green, her church family, the Davis Chapel C.M.E. congregation, her wonderful neighbors on Bell Avenue. Traveling companion, movie date, shopping buddy and friend to the end, Audrey Washington. A conglomerate of extended family members: Adams, Baker, Baten, Blue, Duckworth, Green, Harris, Hart, Walker, Washington and Woods Families and a host of other relatives and friends.



CAROLYN'S LIFE EMBODIED THE 5 C'S

Christ: Christ was the guiding force in her life and the center of her joy. She possessed incredible faith in the Lord and was a constant source of inspiration and comfort to all those around her.

Compassion: Carolyn touched the lives and hearts of hundreds of people. She always reached out and touched people: young, old, rich, or poor. Her life's works speak for itself as a testament of her desire to make a difference in her community.

Cuisine: She was the "Martha Stewart" of Richmond. She put so much love and time into the food that she prepared. It did not matter the time or day; there was always good food and conversation at 4423 Bell Avenue. Guests could never get enough of her home-made rolls and deserts.

Courage: She was an incredibly strong and wise woman. No task or job was too hard for her to conquer. She accomplished more in a day, than most people do in a life-time.

Charming: Her beauty was breath taking. Carolyn always had a smile on her face. She was a hugger and gave the best bear hugs I know. Carolyn was the kind of woman that you couldn't say "no" to.

Sandra

A MESSAGE TO MY MOMMY

LOVE is the one thing that death cannot take, ***LOVE*** is the bond that nothing can break.
For ***LOVE*** is a cord that cannot sever..
Yes ***LOVE*** is eternal, ***LOVE*** is forever.....

If there is happiness in my heart, it's because you helped put it there.
If there is a gentleness in my beliefs, it's because you showed me how to care.
If there is understanding in my thinking, it's because you shared your wisdom.
If there is a rainbow over my shoulder, it's because of your outlook and your vision.
If there a is a strong faith in my heart that never doubts the Lord's Will,
it's because of the example you showed by the Godly lifestyle you lived
If there is a knowledge that I can reach out and really make some dreams come true,
it's because I learned from the best teacher of all

I learned from you

Lisa

Order Of Service

Musical Prelude.....

Processional.....Ministers/The Family

Affirmation of Faith .....Congregation

Selection....."***Jesus Will Work It Out***".....Davis Chapel Choir

Scriptures.....Rev. Tim Manley

Prayer.....Rev. Gary Collins

Selection....."***I Won't Complain***".....Sis. Jackie Thompson

Words of Assurance.....Rev. Charles Stringer

Acknowledgments of Condolences .....Rosemary Baker

Resolutions .....Sis. Carol Macon

Expressions (2 minutes each, please) .....Billie Lee Seaberry, Davis Chapel C.M.E.
Nathaniel Bates, Richmond City Council
Beverly Ware, BWOPA
Delores Hollington, S.F. District Missionary Society
Jesse Washington, CA Park & Recreation Society
Other friends and family

Obituary.....Sis. Sharon Woods

Selection ....."***Order My Steps***".....Choir

"Words of Comfort".....Rev. Lawrence P. Lakey

Sharing and Saying Good-Bye
Recessional

Internment
ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
Richmond, California

Ma,

A buddy, a pal, a best friend. Someone who always knows when things are right and someone who feels your pain when you're hurting. You have always been my biggest fan, and my inspiration to succeed. You have taught me the importance of family and to always have faith in God. When I have found times troubling, I have always been able to look to you for guidance and support. Now that your physical presence is no longer with me, your mental and spiritual force will dwell within me forever. Even though you have always prepared me for life without you, I find letting you go hard to accept. Yet, I know that the Lord puts no more on me than I can bare and you are now among more family and friends. I Love You!

Tim

And to provide for those who grieve---to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.
Isaiah 61:3

I grieve not for your passing, for you have gone home on the morning breeze
I grieve bot for the moments lost, because you left such great memories

I grieve not for my child, for God placed her beneath your wings while you nutured her with love and taught her many things

I grieve not for your children, for you have made their strength and faith so strong
I grieve not for your husband for I know you would never leave him alone

I grieve not because you told me, that there is no love greater than God's
I grieve not because you told me, that life continues in the heart
I grieve not because you taught me faith, through his word and through prayer
I grieve not because I know that you are with our Lord watching from up there

I grieve not for you passing, my sweet Carolyn, I know in my heart and mind
that you caught that breeze Friday morning, to go secure a place in heaven
for the love ones you left behind

I grieve not Oh Lord, but give praise to Thee, for the blessing, you have given me. A blessing of a true friend to remain with me far beyond what we know as eternity"

Evelyn Seliby

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Arthur Adams, Sr.
Michael Blue
Derrick Bradley
Robert Duckworth
Derrick "Minkah" Hall
Lloyd Madden
Felipe Mitchell
Kendall Simmons
Wayne Thomas, Jr.
Iarvin Winzer, Jr.

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Clara Adams
Rosemary Baker
*Jacqueline Baten
Jackie Beachum
Barbara Blue
*Dixie Brown
Rev. Dr. Sheila Cook
Carolyn Green
*Annie Bell Harris
Tina Hart
*Esther Light
Janice Lyle
Ladell Manion
*Norma Patrick
Sandra Pitts-Johnson
Evelyn Seliby
Constance Walker
*Audrey Washington
Sandra Williams
Sharon Woods

Miriam Missionary Circle

GOD-GIVEN CHILDREN

Deborah & Michael Blue
Derrick "Minkah" Hall
Terrance Leonard
Roderick Moore
Wayne Thomas, Jr.
Michael Ward

Rodney & Robyn Washington

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the flowers you sent today, the many cards mailed along the way, the services you stopped to render, the gifts you brought with thoughts so tender. The prayer you said which played a part in easing the pain that was in our hearts. Each helped us find the strength to bear the loss of the one we loved so dear. It was to us a great comfort indeed, to see you in the time of our need. So from our hearts which you tried to mend, we thank you sincerely again and again; for being such truly wonderful friends.

The Family

Arrangements Entrusted To

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Rose Manor Funeral Service

The Stewart Family: John, Lydia & Kevin

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